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August 9, 2010

Mr. Wayne Y. Yoshioka
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Dear Mr. Yoshioka:

Subject: Honolulu High-Capacity Transit Corridor Project Final Environmental
Impact Statement/Section 4(f) Evaluation

Thank you for providing the subject document for review and comments. We appreciate the coordination efforts that DTS has extended to us throughout the environmental process.

At this time, the State Department of Transportation (DOT) has the following new comments to offer on the subject document.

AIRPORTS

Page 3-60, Section 3.4.6 Effects to Airports Facilities, middle of the second paragraph states that:

A station entrance building will be constructed near the overseas parking garage on what is now a surface economy parking lot just 'Ewa of the parking garage exit lanes, fronting Ala Onaona Street, near the existing lei stands on Aolele Street. As shown in Table 3-24, approximately 110 of the 175 spaces will be permanently closed in this lot to accommodate the station.

The permanent loss of the 110 parking stalls, in addition to the anticipated loss of the commuter parking when the Mauka Concourse is developed will have a negative impact on future Airports parking capacity. The parking study should have considered the cumulative loss of parking from all airport projects. Also, Table 3-1 on page 3-3 indicates there is no impact to parking, yet the paragraph cited above indicates otherwise. Table 3-1 also indicates there are no long-term adverse effects on Honolulu International Airport (HIA) thus, no mitigation measures are planned. The loss of parking due to the subject project and the future Mauka Concourse will result in a loss of HIA parking that may need to be mitigated in some way.

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DOT requests that DTS contact the Airports Division Planning Section at 838-8810 to discuss the aforementioned issue.

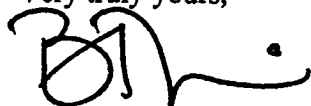
HARBORS & HIGHWAYS

Highways and Harbors Divisions have no new major concerns on the subject document.

However, the DOT continues to reserve the right to provide comments on those elements that directly impact the State land transportation facility, and/or the utility corridor, as more specific design details become available. Further, DOT appreciates the opportunity to provide comments and requests that DTS continue the current coordination meetings with the Highways Division through the Division's Planning Branch on factors affecting highway corridors and ports.

If there are any questions, please contact Ken Tatsuguchi, Engineering Program Manager, Highways Division, Planning Branch, at 587-1830, or by email at ken.tatsuguchi@hawaii.gov.

Very truly yours,



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